THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). Employment elasticity un agriculture sector has been estimated to be 0.36 during 1983 to 1987-88, the latest intervel for which requisite date are avilable. There are no norms on the basis of which the elasticity could be called high or low. However, efforts are being made to improve employment elasticity through proliferation of labour intensive agricultural activities like horticulture, floriculture, aquculture, sericulture, bee keeping, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, poultry farming, piggery, agro processing and other allied occupations.

Hindi in Missions Abroad

5805. SHRI MOHAN RAWALE: Will the Miinister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of our missions abroad where Hindi is used;

(b) how many publications are being brought out by our missions abroad in each foreign country;

(c) how many of these publications are published in Hondi language in each foreign country;

(d) whether there are any guidelines to the Indian missions abroad for use of Hindi; and

(e) if so, the details in regard thereto; and if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) to (e). All our Missions in foreign countries are expected to follow the instructions issued to them regarding the use of official language in their work and in this regard they are also expected to implement the Official Language Act and Rules framed thereunder as far as functionally possible.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Crude Reservoirs in Karim nagar

5807. SHRI DATTATRAYA BANDARU: Will the Minister of PETEROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Krishna-Godavri Basin is having abudant gas reservoirs;

(b) if so, the steps taken to accelerate the exploration work to generate more gas;

(c) whether the Pedapalli-Anther gram villages in Karim Nagar district in Andhra Pradesh are also having crude reservoirs; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to carry exploration work?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b). Approximately 32.62 billion cu.mts. of recoverable reserves of gas have been established in the Krishna-Godavari basin (both offshore and onshore) as on 1.1.1991. Currently, 11 rigs in the onshore area and 2 rigs in the offshore area have been deployed to carry out the work of exploration in the basin.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

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5808. SHRI V. SOBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have re-